

McNICHOL DOESN'T PROMISE TO HELP LOAN MEASURES

"Will Have Something to Say About That Later," He Asserts

PENROSE TO ANSWER RAP "Will Be Glad to Talk Tomorrow" About Congressman Vare's Attack

Senator Penrose said today over the long-distance telephone from the Hotel Biltmore, in New York, that he had not even done Congressman Vare the honor to read the statement issued by the latter for today's newspapers.

That statement was the answer of the Vares to what Senator Penrose said in his speech last Friday night.

In the statement there were among other assertions these: "Senator Penrose would have small political standing in Philadelphia were it not for the support of his contractor friend, Mr. McNichol."

"That Senator Penrose and his followers are opposed to rapid transit and leading the fight to defeat the loan bills."

"That Senator Penrose more than any one else caused the split in the Republican party in 1912."

"The Senator was asked to comment on these and other 'baseless' attacks. But he said he couldn't do it until he had read them, but tomorrow he would be back in his office, and then would have something to say; in fact, 'would be glad to talk.'"

"ABLEST POLITICAL FIGURE" State Senator McNichol gave out a short interview.

"Do you think that Senator Penrose would have 'small political standing in Philadelphia if you were not supporting him?' he was asked.

"Senator Penrose is the ablest and most powerful political figure in the Republican party here," McNichol said.

"But that doesn't answer the question." "Yes it does, the only way I will answer the question."

"Are you for the Broad street subway, the elevated roads and the whole rapid transit program?" "I am for any improvement that is for the good of Philadelphia."

"Are you working for the loan bills or against them?" "Well, have something to say about that later on."

"What do you think of Congressman Vare's statements in which all these topics are brought up?" "I haven't anything to say about that."

"That's an interview," Senator McNichol grinned all through it, and thoroughly enjoying "answering" without telling anything.

BACKING FOR AMBLER. Congressman Vare declared in his statement that the most bitter phase of the factional fight is over the auditor generalship. He announced for the first time that Charles A. Ambler has the support of Governor Brumbaugh and the Vares.

The South Philadelphia Congressman said that Senator Penrose wants a delegate election to the Republican National Convention who will support Penrose's choice for President, and not the people's choice.

Penrose and the reactionaries "are still bitterly antagonistic to the legislation so recently written upon our statute books through the influence of Governor Brumbaugh," continued Congressman Vare.

"I brought the Catlin Commission to Philadelphia," he said, "deliberately and through investigation of what he was pleased to term all the 'evils' of Philadelphia government. When he felt, however, that his political purpose had been accomplished he suddenly and conveniently forgot all his ideas of reform and chased his Catlin Commission out of town over night."

"VALUED ASSISTANCE." "In that fight against 'contractor government' he had the valued assistance of his contractor friend, Mr. McNichol. In his present endeavor to rid the city of 'contractor government' he has the co-operation of his contractor friend, James P. McNichol. In the matter of fact, he would have small political standing in Philadelphia were it not for the support of his contractor friend, Mr. McNichol. It is doubtful whether he would be able to score up any sort of following in any ward in Philadelphia except the 8th Ward, where he resides, without the aid of Mr. McNichol, and he would very likely make a sorry showing even there if Edward Devlin should decide to leave his standard."

"In this contest Senator Penrose is not only asking independents to once more follow his shifting standard, but is attempting to bring about a change in the law, so that the attempt to turn over to McNichol the vote that went to George D. Porter in the majority fight, as the result of a campaign waged upon religious prejudices, will fail."

Congressman Vare On Senator Penrose

Congressman Vare says of Senator Penrose: "He is opposed to rapid transit and always has been."

"He and his followers are working actively to defeat both loans." "He wants delegates who will agree to support Penrose's choice for President."

"He is fighting Governor Brumbaugh because of the child labor and workmen's compensation laws."

"He would have small political standing in Philadelphia were it not for the support of his contractor friend, Mr. McNichol."

"He would not carry even the 8th Ward, where he resides, without help from Edward Devlin."

"He is making an attempt to turn over to McNichol the vote that went to George D. Porter."

"More than any other individual, he was directly and deliberately responsible for what happened at Chicago in 1912."

"He is directly promoting the factional fight."

big improvements to which the Republican party and the present city administration stands pledged. It is only a short time ago that Penrose issued a statement in which he sought to pose as a champion of rapid transit, that was when the Twining reeve had the public an opportunity afforded itself, so the Senator thought, to pose as a transit champion without any real resulting effect; but when Senator Penrose has been silent, for plans Senator Penrose has been silent, "He is not inactive, however, because his political followers are working now, secretly but with might and main, to defeat the loans but the coming election and thus deprive Philadelphia of a new Municipal Hospital, a much-needed home in the county for the indigent and insane, a Parkway, a modern waste disposal plant and other big projects which will make for a Greater Philadelphia."

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COURTESY WHO FOUGHT IN DUBLIN REVOLT GETS LIFE TERM IN PRISON

Death Sentence Commuted. Roger Casement to Be Tried for Treason Next Week

LONDON, May 8.—James M. Sullivan, former United States Minister to Santo Domingo, who was arrested at Dublin in connection with the Irish rebellion, has been set free.

DUBLIN, May 8.—Countess Georgina Markievicz, one of the prominent figures in the Irish revolt, was sentenced to death after her trial by court-martial, but the sentence has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

The Countess is said to have created a dramatic scene when she learned that she had been sentenced to a life term of penal servitude, demanding that she be given the same treatment as "those brave men who have already given up their lives for the cause of freedom."

John MacNeill, president of the Sinn Fein volunteers, has been arrested by the British military authorities.

MacNeill was given out today at the headquarters of the British military. He is charged with complicity in the recent uprising.

Death sentences imposed upon George Plunkett, who was shot last week, and Joseph Plunkett, who was shot last week, have been commuted to 10 years' penal servitude.

It is unofficially announced that a death sentence upon Philip Cosgrave has been commuted to five years' imprisonment, and the sentence of 13 others to three years' imprisonment.

No figures have yet been issued on the deaths of civilians in the recent revolt, but 160 already have been accounted for.

Fifty of the victims were buried in Glasnevin Cemetery on Saturday and 31 others in Mount Jerome Cemetery. Certificates of death from gunshot wounds in 150 cases have been issued.

Due to the shortage of labor the bodies in many instances, were interred without coffins. Pathetic scenes were witnessed hourly at the various burying grounds.

A party of about 1000 prisoners left Dublin Saturday night for England; they were mostly from the country districts. This is the last day under General Maxwell's orders for the Sinn Fein and Irish Volunteers to hand in their arms and ammunition.

LONDON, May 8.—Sir Robert Chalmers, who has been Governor of Ceylon since 1913, has been appointed to succeed Sir Matthew Nathan as Under Secretary for Ireland. Sir Matthew resigned simultaneously with Augustus Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, who relinquished his post last week shortly after it appeared that the Irish uprising was well under control.

Sir Roger Casement will be arraigned on this week before a police magistrate on the charge of treason, growing out of his landing on the Irish coast with munition supplies for the rebels. He will then be committed for trial, the Lord Chief Justice presiding.

Keen interest is felt here in the meeting of the Irish Nationalist party in London tomorrow.

CLERGYMEN UPHOLD RELIGIOUS PUBLICITY

Back Plans for Conference on Christian Press Work During "Ad" Men's Convention

Prominent clergymen from eight denominations met in the Poor Richard Club, 239 South Camac street, at a luncheon today to learn the details of the conference on Christian press publicity, to be held in connection with the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, June 25 to 31. The plan was outlined by President Robert H. Durbin and several of those present made short addresses.

One of the speakers was Dr. Christian F. Reizner, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church of New York. Doctor Reizner is an expert on church advertising, also outlined the details of the conference. Mr. Durbin in his address said that the ministers of the churches in the central part of the city had been asked to conduct special services on Sunday morning, June 25, in which they were to outline the convention to their congregations and tell of the benefits derived from it.

Joseph Kranskopf, the Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell and the Rev. F. W. Tompkins were unable to be present, but sent representatives with letters expressing their sympathy with the movement and their interest in the conference. Subscribers to the conference included \$50 from John E. Hanlan & Co. and \$25 from De Long Hook and Eye Company.

The departmental meeting of persons interested in religious advertising will be the first ever held in connection with an advertising convention. After the last convention in Chicago the proposition was made to hold a similar convention in Philadelphia in the organization. The Poor Richard Club for four months has been in touch with local clergymen. George S. Clark is chairman of the subcommittee.

"FRESH AIR" PLANS BLOCKADE CITY HALL OFFICE; CLERKS GASP

Huge Park Drawing in East Corridor Casus Belli Between Park Commissioners and City Commissioners—Friends Work to Prevent "Diplomatic Break"

Popular education versus the sanitary comfort of municipal officeholders is agitating two departments of the city government housed in City Hall. The respective sides of the east corridor of the City Hall are as rival camps today.

The forces of the Fairmount Park Commission and the City Commissioners are arrayed in antagonism, which is growing more serious hourly and threatens an open break. Thus far, however, the breach has been averted, but the Philadelphia general, very effectively shut out the light and air from a goodly part of the City Commissioners' office. Three windows were entirely blocked off by the gigantic framework, installing serious discomfort to the office force employed in its vicinity.

LUKE MEEKINS STILL PRISONER AS SLEUTHS SEEK OTHER SUSPECT

Detectives Believe Father of Murdered Boy, Although Weak, Would Not Consent to Killing of Child

POSITIVE IN STATEMENTS

Luke Meekins remains a prisoner at City Hall on suspicion of having guilty knowledge of his son's brutal death, but the detectives working on the murder mystery today have not abandoned their search for another as the slayer of little Richard Meekins.

The professions of affection made by the father slaying his son on Saturday convince some of his intimates that, while weak, his nature would not consent to the murder of the eight-year-old boy for whom Meekins is held in custody. At the same time, it is believed that he is not inclined to take so wide a chance, and the identification of Judson Self and his firm hands of Meekins as the man they saw at the scene of the boy's murder was positive.

Detectives Farrell and Hodges, who have been working on the case since the boy's body was recovered last Wednesday, went to the Italian colony in a quest, but upon their return to headquarters admitted that their visit had not been profuse. They declared they ran into a new lead in the problem of solving the identity of the letter-writer, inductor of Richard Meekins and were going back to Chester again later in the day.

The letter and map mailed to the mother of the kidnaped and slain boy, the most important clue now in the detectives' possession.

The map is drawn so intelligently, they say, that none but the murderer could have outlined it. Meekins, they assert, is not the man either. He has drawn the map, but he has written the letter which followed it. Meekins is dull, slow of wit and lacking in education. He spoke more clearly yesterday, after 24 hours in custody than at any other time since the disappearance of little Richard last November. "The man's brain has apparently cleared," said Captain Tate, "and he was even more positive in everything he said today than he was yesterday. He wasn't nervous and is confident he will soon be free."

Meekins will be questioned by Captain Tate again later today. Although he protests his innocence he appears content to await the outcome of his second arraignment, which is fixed for next Saturday. His counsel, John J. Rahilly, says Meekins' alibi is complete and that the prisoner will be exonerated when he faces the magistrate.

Mrs. Annie Meekins, mother of the boy, is at her home, 2439 51st street. She is still suffering from the nervous shock of the last few days. She is confident that she saw the murderer of her son in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

Naylor and Pritchett were returning to Fort Sill from an entertainment when their automobile swerved and crashed into a tree, shortly before midnight. A tire had blown out. Members of the Naylor family here were notified last night of the lieutenant's death.

POLICEMAN ON JOY RIDE IN STOLEN AUTO; HELD

Magistrate Orders Investigation, While Cops Accuse Each Other

To further investigate the alleged joyride of a policeman in a stolen automobile, the police have issued warrants for the arrest of his daughter's two boys.

Police were notified of the affair for the first time today, Sulzer having on Friday morning, gone to the office of the police to report the matter. Warrants for the arrest of his daughter's two boys were issued.

Katherine, with Abraham Kotten, of 7720 Brewster avenue, and Harry Rudolph, of 78th street and Brewster avenue, had been in the car when it was stolen. It is believed the men fled to Wilmington, and the police of that city have been asked to aid in their capture.

When the two policemen were arraigned before Magistrate Imber, each asserted that he had arrested the other. It was charged that Downey was riding in the machine which was proceeding at the rate of 40 miles an hour on Fitzwater street, shortly before midnight. At a tire had blown out. Members of the Naylor family here were notified last night of the lieutenant's death.

Bozarth witnessed the accident, and he bent over the wrecked car to note the license number. He said the Downey approached him and told him he was under arrest. Bozarth retailed by telling Downey that Downey and two other men attacked him with a revolver and a blackjack. He was beaten to the sidewalk. It is alleged, and was later reported to the Pennsylvania Hospital with lacerations of the scalp and a badly lacerated lip. When Bozarth appeared before the Magistrate this morning his head was swathed in bandages.

Magistrate Imber severely reprimanded Downey for allowing the stolen car to be driven at such a high rate of speed. "You had no business," he said, "to endanger the lives of pedestrians in this manner."

Reading Brakeman Hurt at Noble

William Kessler, of Norristown, brakeman of a Reading Railway freight train, is in the Kingston Memorial Hospital, seriously injured, the result of being caught and squeezed between trains on a curve south of Noble station, shortly before midnight Saturday night.

Camden Motor Speeders Fined \$25

Joseph M. Katz, 25 years old, of 5717 D. Lane street, was fined \$25 and costs before Recorder Stackhouse, in Camden, today for speeding. According to the police, Katz drove his machine past a standing trolley car at the rate of 20 miles an hour and struck Mrs. Mary Gilkon, of Frankford. Mrs. Gilkon was uninjured.

COURT MAY FORCE L. & N. HEAD TO RARE POLITICAL GRAFT

Interstate Board Asks Order to Make Him Answer Questions

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The District Supreme Court will be asked to compel Milton H. Smith, president of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, to divulge what he knows concerning contributions made by the carriers for various political campaigns in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. Chief Counsel Joseph F. Folk, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, will file a motion tomorrow asking the court's immediate consideration.

At present Mr. Smith is in contempt of the commission, and if this attitude is assumed by the court, Smith will be either forced to answer the questions asked or go to jail.

ADVANCED COAL PRICE MAY BE KNOWN SOON

Dealers Here Unable to Learn Rates—Jump of 50 Cents Probable

While anthracite coal operators are unwilling to give information as to how high the next increase in the price of coal will be, dealers here are waiting for the news to jump its proper source—the coal barons. J. E. Richards, president of the Newton Coal Company, a retail concern, said this morning that he expected the information to be given out any time this week, but that it was "useless for the dealers to seek it out."

Twelve millions dollars more annually in wages granted by the operators to the miners by an agreement of representative committees Saturday noon, when a huge strike was averted, will undoubtedly lead to the consumer paying toll in the sum of 40 or 50 cents additional on each ton of coal purchased.

Efforts have been futile to gain information on this point from President Richards, of the Philadelphia, Reading, Coal and Iron Company; President S. D. Warriner, of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, and President M. Williams, of the Susquehanna Coal Company.

"We have no news of the new rates," said President Richards, of the Newton Company, "but have been refused. President Richards, of the Reading, said he was not in a position to give them. All that was said was that the new rates, which would help us in an adjustment that must come with the increase, but it was useless."

"Some time soon we will start a newspaper campaign to call the attention of the public to the increase. The profit of the Newton Coal Company last year was only 9 cents per ton net."

SIR ROGER CASEMENT'S SISTER HERE; HOPEFUL

Believes He Will Escape Death Penalty for Revolt—Mourning at Irish Club

The arrival in this city of Mrs. Annie Newman, sister of Sir Roger Casement and the display of mourning at the Irish-American Club, 728 Spruce street, today afforded two manifestations of sympathy by Philadelphians who are friendly to the cause of the Irish revolutionists for whose recent outbreak Sir Roger is awaiting trial in the Tower of London on a charge of treason against the British Government.

Mrs. Newman is a widow and has been in America for five months. She arrived in Philadelphia from New York this morning, this being her first visit to this city. She was accompanied by her son, Michael Francis Doyle, and will be entertained during her visit by persons who are sympathizers with her brother and his party.

Mrs. Newman spoke optimistically of the probable outcome of Sir Roger's trial and intimated that she believed that he would escape the death penalty.

"As the result of our efforts on this side of the Atlantic," she said, "I am confident that there will be no further execution of Irish patriots who participated in the recent uprising at Dublin. I deeply appreciate the wonderful hospitality which has been extended to me here in America. It is my intention to remain here until the close of the war."

Mrs. Newman's home is at Bally Castle, County Antrim, Ireland, which has been held by the Casement family since the eighteenth century. Sir Roger, who has another brother, who is with the British army in South Africa.

The Spruce street quarters of the Irish-American Club today displayed mourning emblems from all the front windows. Heavy black bands, rosettes and festoons surrounded the entrance and the two lower windows. The Stars and Stripes and the white, yellow and green flag of the Irish Republic were displayed by Wm. T. Tombe, 1738, hung from the second-story window. These emblems are surrounded by black streamers at the staidheads.

AGED HOMEOPATH DIES

Dr. C. A. Vischer Had Been 85 Years at 12th and Girard

Dr. C. A. Oscar Vischer, 78, the oldest homeopathic druggist in Philadelphia, died while sitting at his desk today at 1216 Girard avenue. He had been there for more than 25 years.

His death occurred after breakfast, Dewey Warshaw, his negro errand boy, had occasion to ask him something, and the doctor, who was sitting at his desk, summoned Policeman Van Dyke from the corner, and then Dr. William A. Weaver, of 1421 Girard avenue, was sent for, and he said the aged homeopath died from heart disease.

Doctor Vischer was a widower.

Dr. Louis J. Phelan Dead

PARIS, May 8.—The death has been announced here of Dr. Louis J. Phelan, widely known in the American colony of Paris. He was a graduate of the medical college of the University of Chicago and had been engaged of late in Red Cross work.

BILL FOR 250,000 ARMY LOSSES IN HOUSE; ALSO VOLUNTEERS MEASURE

Senate Provision for Regulars Beaten by Vote of 142 Ayes to 221 Nays—Lively Debate

DEADLOCK TIGHTENS

WASHINGTON, May 8.—By a vote of 142 ayes to 221 nays, the House today refused to accept the Senate provision for a regular army of 250,000.

The House also refused to concur in a volunteer Federal army provision of 100,000 men, voting 251 to 109 against.

By these votes the House drew tighter the deadlock between the upper and lower houses on the preparedness issue. It was, in effect, an instruction to the House members of the joint conference not to reach any compromise from its demand for the Hay provision of a standing army of 140,000 men.

The vote was reached after acrimonious debate in which National Guard officers lobbying against the volunteer army plan were denounced as "patriot patriots after losing their jobs."

AFTER WAR WARNING

Representative Kahn (Cal.), Republican member of the Conference Committee, urging adoption of the 250,000 army plan of the Senate, said that unless the United States was really prepared she would have to answer to European nations at the close of the world war for destruction of European lives and property in Mexico.

"We have not given up the Monroe Doctrine," he said. "Take the situation in Mexico today. We have not protected the lives or property of our own people, nor of peoples of other nations. No one can tell when the European war will end. It may last for years. It will demand reparation, not from destitute Mexico, but from the United States. Will we be ready?"

"We have learned in the last few months of the world war that demand are not met unless you are ready to put the necessary force behind them."

CRAGO OPPOSES VOLUNTEERS

CRAGO, Pennsylvania, urged the 250,000 regular army plan, but opposed the volunteer system. He said there should be 250,000 men sent to the Mexican border immediately.

"Don't let us perpetrate a fraud on the good people of this country," warned Representative McKenzie (Ill.). "We might get a pacifist like William Jennings Bryan for President, and under his administration we would not be required to enlist any army."

Minority Leader Mann, upholding the Senate plan, declared "we are neglecting our duty to our country and our people by not making it a condition in the days when war is hovering over the entire world."

HUSBAND AND WIFE SUE

Allege Assault on Letter When Talking Machine Was Removed

Suit for \$1385 damages alleged to have been suffered by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Merritt has been brought against Walter E. Eckhart, talking machine company, in the Municipal Court, also covers an assault committed upon Mrs. Merritt by Eckhart, who furnished the machine to the plaintiffs' home a talking machine leased previously from the defendant company on the installment plan, and other articles belonging to the plaintiffs.

Mrs. Merritt, as the result of the rough handling she received, in the attempt to prevent the removal of the property to the plaintiff's home, underwent medical treatment, she says. The plaintiffs aver that the seizure was without legal authority.

British Police in Bomb Plot

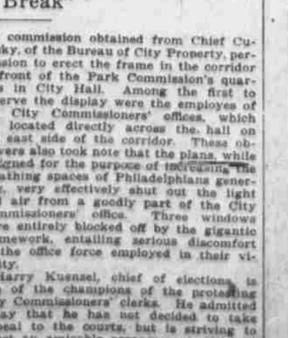
BERLIN, May 8.—"According to reports from Athens," says the Associated Press, "the British Minister at Athens has admitted that an unexploded bomb recently found on the stairs of the Bulgarian Legation in Athens was part of an intricate plot to overthrow the Greek government at the beginning of the war. The Greek police affirm, the advice adds, 'that two members of the British secret police were the authors of the attempt to blow up the structure.'"

Superior Court Decisions

PITTSBURGH, May 8.—The following decisions were handed down by the Superior Court today:

Herman Siler vs. Leont Lavender, appellant. C. P. Philadelphia. Reversed.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION PERSONALS CAUTION NOTICE HELP WANTED-FEMALE HELP WANTED-MALE RUBBELMAN (two) wanted 49 East 1st street, Haddonfield, N. J. STENOGRAPHER-Experienced, for office, suitable salary and salary desired. Address P. 630, Ledger Office. ORDER CLERK wanted for wholesale grocery store; experience not necessary; \$400.00 monthly salary. Address, 2423 Market st., Philadelphia. OFFICE BOY wanted by large wholesale house. Address, 2423 Market st., Philadelphia. YOUNG MAN wanted by wholesale commission house, one familiar with general office work preferred. Address, P. 631, Ledger Office. LADIES WANTED. APPLICANTS: M. W. COOPER AND EDWIN 872.



LIEUT. HAROLD S. NAYLOR Son of the late John S. Naylor, of Chestnut Hill, who was killed in an auto accident near Fort Sill, Okla.



LIEUT. NAYLOR KILLED BY AUTO IN OKLAHOMA Philadelphia and Son of Carnegie Foundation Head Victims of Crash

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